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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH MRS CARTER AND MRS MONDALE

1. MRS KAREN DE FIGUERES, WIFE OF FORMER PRESIDENT JOSE FIGUERES, HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO REQUEST APPOINTMENTS WITH MRS ROSALYNN CARTER AND WITH MRS JOAN MONDALE. MRS FIGUERES PLANS TO VISIT THE US IN OCTOBER AND HAS INDICATED THAT APPOINTMENTS ANY TIME ON OCTOBER 5, 6, 7, 11 OR 12 WOULD BE WELCOME.

2. MRS FIGUERES, A FORMER US CITIZEN, IS VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN A BROAD ARRAY OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROJECTS IN COSTA RICA. HER MAJOR ENDEAVORS INVOLVE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HANDICRAFTS (ASSOCIACION NACIONAL PARA EL DESAROLLO DE ARTESA NIA -

ANDA) AND THE HOUSE OF HOPE (LA CASA DE ESPERANZA), A HOME FOR THE REHABILITATION OF JUVENILE PROSTITUTES. SHE ALSO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH SYMPHONY, IS A MEMBER OF ITS BOARD, AND REMAINS IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE YOUTH SYMPHONY'S MOST ACTIVE AND PROMINENT SUPPORTERS.

3. MRS FIGUERES HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MRS CARTER AS A FOLLOW-UP TO MRS CARTER'S VISIT TO LATIN AMERICAN AND TO DISCUSS WITH MRS CARTER SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH LATIN AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY COSTA RICANS, ARE ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE YOUTH SYMPHONY'S PROPOSED PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, MRS FIGUERES

ALSO HOPES TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT MRS CARTER WITH HANDCARVED (BY UNCLASSIFIED

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ANDA) CHESS SET IN WHICH PIECES ARE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. MRS
FIGUERES WANTS TO INFORM MRS MONDALE OF THE BACKGROUND OF ANDA AND
WHAT ANDA IS CURRENTLY DOING TO PROMOTE HANDICRAFTS IN COSTA
RICA. MRS FIGUERES HAS EMPHASIZED THAT SHE DOES NOT INTEND TO
REQUEST ANY KIND OF SUPPORT FOR HER PROJECTS FROM EITHER MRS
CARTER OR MRS MONDALE.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHETHER EITHER OR BOTH APPOINTMENTS	
MIGHT BE ARRANGED.	
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